# Abivax appoints Ana Sharma as Vice President, Global Head of Quality

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**PARIS, France, February 7, 2024, 8:30 a.m. CET** – Abivax SA (Euronext Paris and Nasdaq: ABVX) ("Abivax" or the "Company"), a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on developing therapeutics that harness the body's natural regulatory mechanisms to stabilize the immune response in patients with chronic inflammatory diseases, today announced the appointment of Ana Sharma as Vice President, Global Head of Quality. Ms. Sharma brings over 20 years of experience in the biopharmaceutical industry and has a strong track record in quality and GxP compliance. She has helped bring over 30 drugs to market across multiple therapeutic areas, including gastroenterology and immunology. She has experience managing large international teams and regulatory authority interactions and inspections worldwide.

**Marc de Garidel, Chief Executive Officer of Abivax, says:** *"I am glad Ana joins our team with her extensive experience in research and development quality assurance in the biopharmaceutical sector. Her expertise will be crucial to ensure the smooth conduct of our ongoing and planned clinical studies and the subsequent applications for market authorizations."*

**Ana Sharma, Vice President, Global Head of Quality of Abivax, states:** *"With the Phase 3 ABTECT clinical program ongoing, I am excited to take charge of all GxP quality related aspects and requirements to advance the lead drug candidate obefazimod towards the market. If approved, it would be available to many patients who are in need of safe and long-term efficacious therapeutic options for chronic inflammatory diseases."*

Ana Sharma joined Abivax from Takeda, where she held the position of Vice President, Global Head of Research and Development Clinical Quality Assurance. Previously, she worked for Novartis, Amgen and Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center where she occupied different quality positions with increasing levels of responsibility. Ms. Sharma is focused on patient safety, patient rights and patient well-being, as well as data integrity, product quality, data privacy and regulatory compliance. She holds a Master of Public Health, Epidemiology and Biostatistics from Boston University, MA, US.

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**About Abivax**

Abivax is a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on developing therapeutics that harness the body's natural regulatory mechanisms to stabilize the immune response in patients with chronic inflammatory diseases. Based in France and the US, Abivax's lead drug candidate, obefazimod (ABX464), is in Phase 3 clinical trials for the treatment of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis. More information on the Company is available at www.abivax.com. Follow us on LinkedIn and on X, formerly Twitter, @ABIVAX.

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